

REMARKS

The Applicant appreciates the thorough review of the application by the Examiner.
Reconsideration and allowance are requested.

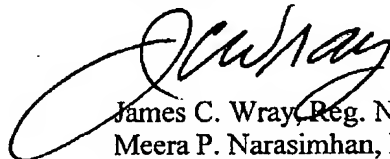
The Applicant has cancelled the rejected claims without prejudice. The cancellation obviates the restriction requirement and rejections made under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the AAPA and Vollmer made by the Examiner.

Kindly allow the application.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully,



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